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President's Column

By Matt Hudson

Hello everyone,

Happy spring! The trees outside my office are beginning to show signs of green, which is leaving me to wonder why it's snowing and what happened to "winter." Despite it being a leap year, February seemed to slip by faster than normal, in part because the executive board and I have been very busy.

D.C. Incorporation Problem Resolved

As I mentioned via e-mail in February, the problems with GSIS's D.C. incorporation status have been resolved. Thanks to the pro bono work of Graham Green and Dennis Allen of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, GSIS's D.C. incorporation status is now up to date for the first time since the 1970s. Even better, the Society was able to take advantage of a brief amnesty period to correct this problem, meaning that we were able to avoid thousands of dollars in penalties and late fees. Thank you to Shaun Hardy for acting as GSIS's registered agent in D.C.

Related, I wanted to give special thanks to the GSIS treasurer, Lori Tschirhart, who has jumped through many hoops to obtain a certificate of reinstatement, new certified articles of incorporation, and a certificate of good standing from D.C., all of which are necessary to operate in today's banking world. While GSIS now has official copies of these documents, the D.C. paperwork is all up to date as well, meaning that it should be much easier to obtain these in the future (and for banks to verify them).

Still Need Help

My February plea for more committee volunteers produced quite a bit of interest, so thank you to all of the new volunteers. We are still looking for a GSIS Newsletter Reviews Editor and more volunteers for the Nominations Committee. Please contact me if you are interested in serving in either role.

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President's Column, continued

GSIS also has a number of representatives that help out and/or report on news items from other organizations, such as AGI, ALA, ASLI, and WAMU. If you are interested in helping out in one of these roles, please review the list at <http://www.geoinfo.org/represent.html> and let me know.

New E-mail Addresses

We have created a number of [@geoinfo.org](mailto:geoinfo.org) Gmail accounts, such as publications@geoinfo.org and vp@geoinfo.org. We hope that these will make it easier for you to communicate with GSIS officers and appointed personnel. These will also provide stable accounts where banks, governments, associated societies, and the like can regularly reach out to us. Last, they will provide a record of communication for future GSIS volunteers to gather contact info, letter templates, and more. Thank you to Courtney Hoffner at UCLA and Chris Keane at AGI for their help in setting this up.

Proceedings

Big thanks to Rusty Kimball, Dennis

Trombatore, and Connie Manson for their work digitizing the complete GSIS Proceedings archive. This is great news. The GSIS website has been updated to point to these volumes.

Also, thank you to Richard and Hannah for getting the ball rolling on our upcoming Proceedings volume. I look forward to the digital, color future of the Proceedings.

Membership

Last, please don't forget to renew your membership. If you have renewed your membership via the online PayPal form, you may want to send an e-mail to Louise Deis at lfdeis@princeton.edu to confirm your information for the GSIS Member Directory. An updated membership directory should be available in late summer.

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help with anything else.

Sincerely,

Matt Hudson, GSIS President

Vice President's Column

By Hannah Winkler Hamalainen

People often ask me how I stay current with what is going on in the geology world. The truth is, I let technology do all the work for me. I use Twitter lists to keep up with **thought leaders and industry news in certain fields**. If you're using Twitter at and for work, it helps to only be looking at relevant content. It makes sense to use this technology to find out what others in your field are doing, to interact with them or share information, and position yourself as a resource as well. To see a compilation of GSIS affiliated information professionals, librarians and libraries, here's a Twitter list to start with, check it out!

<https://twitter.com/hewink/lists/geoscience-info-profs>

The deadline for Annual Proceedings submissions is June 1, 2016, and many of you have already received an email from GSIS Publications (publications@geoinfo.org) about how to move forward. This year will mark a **major step forward** for GSIS: we are abandoning the print world and jumping into online self-publishing and for the first-time will have fully-colored Proceedings. I'd like to thank Publications Manager Richard Huffine for

working with me on these volumes – he has made me appreciate anew how much faster things go when you can work together.

Finally, I continue to work on programming for the upcoming GSA conference in Denver September 25-26. We have reached a significant milestone in our Society and with that an ad-hoc team is working on the planning for the 50th Anniversary Celebration: Marie Dvorzak, Joanne V. Lerud-Heck, Cynthia Prosser, Clara McLeod, Connie Manson, Shaun Hardy, Linda R Zellmer, and Matt Hudson. Mark your calendars for a **Celebration dinner on Tuesday, September 27**.

I will be working hard for the Society over the next few months, but will encourage you to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for conference planning. I'm still looking for some good Denver field trip ideas! The best way to reach me is at vp@geoinfo.org.

Best,

Hannah

Member News

New Members

Dwight Hunter

Magi Malone

Jinny Nathans, American Meteorological Society

Megan Nelson, Purdue University Libraries

Mea Warren, University of Houston

Charles Weston

Ann Coppin Retires

Ann Coppin retired from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory on February 4, 2016.

Mentorship Program and Our Next Push for Membership

By Hannah Winkler Hamalainen

Along with support from the membership committee and our President Matt Hudson, GSIS is rolling out a new Mentorship Program for its members. It's a well-known fact our membership numbers have been declining and we have struggled, at times, to find people to hold key positions. Some of us wonder -- what do we really get for being a member of GSIS? What incentive do we have to retain our membership? With the wealth of information at our fingertips, people don't rely on membership to societies and associations the way they used to keep them informed and to create collaborative forces. Because of this and to celebrate its 50th Anniversary as a Society, the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS) is launching a mentorship initiative to serve its members.

This new program formalizes a process that for many decades took place organically, through connections forged at conferences and online. As our society has changed over time to include librarians, resource specialists, publishers, data scientists, and other information gurus, the process of mentoring new and mid-career professionals in the geoscience information community has grown more amorphous. It is our hope that this new formalized program will encourage rewarding relationships while promoting our society and advancing our profession. We invite professionals at all levels to share their experiences and the lessons they have learned with a new, young, or mid-career

professionals; we also encourage experienced library directors to mentor new and aspiring managers. Mentees and Mentors will be paired by areas of interest or expertise and the level of interested mentorship. This free service will be available to all GSIS members.

Using the information from your application interest form, we will match individuals with similar goals and help start the process of forming a mentorship.

[GSIS Mentee/Mentor Application](#)

for students and new, young, mid-career, transitional, and experienced professionals

The Mentoring Program is designed and implemented by two GSIS volunteers -- Robert Tolliver (Stony Brook University) and Hannah Winkler Hamalainen (Stanford University). Please email them with questions at: Hannah Winkler Hamalainen at hannah.hamalainen@stanford.edu or Robert Tolliver at robert.tolliver@stonybrook.edu.

Deadline to apply is **April 30, 2016**.

Mentor/mentee pairings will be made during Summer 2016.

Nominations for the 2016 Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award

By Jody Bales Foote

The Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2016 award. This award recognizes and honors significant contributions to the geoscience information profession and will be given at the GSIS/GSA Annual Meeting in September in Denver. Please help us honor a

deserving colleague by submitting a nomination to the selection committee.

Membership in GSIS is not a requirement to receive the award. A list of previous award recipients is available at:

<http://www.geoinfo.org/service.html>

Nomination letters should be sent by May 15 to Jody Bales Foote, chair, Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award Committee, Youngblood Energy Library, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019, jbfoote@ou.edu, 405-325-6451. Please provide the following:

- Your name and contact information
- Name, title, and contact information for the person you are nominating

- Resume or curriculum vita of the nominee
- Statement indicating why the nominee is deserving of this award
- Additional letters of support from other individuals endorsing the nomination

Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award Committee

Louise F. Deis
Jody Bales Foote, chair
Clara P. McLeod

GSIS Best Paper Award Nominations Welcomed

By Michael Noga

Have you recently read an interesting article that relates to geoscience information? Maybe, maybe not yet. Just keep in mind that the Geoscience Information Society has given out an annual award for Best Paper for 30 years. The Best Paper Award Committee is seeking articles for this year's award. We welcome nominations from the GSIS membership.

Papers published during 2015 (or with a 2015 imprint date) will be considered. Submissions will be evaluated using criteria including: **significance, originality, professional**

competence, scholarship, and effectiveness of communication.

We will start considering the papers after June 1. Remember that the Annual Meeting is early this year. Please submit your nominations to Michael Noga mnoga@mit.edu

GSIS Best Paper Award Committee

Michael Noga (Chair)
Carl Olson
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Robert Tolliver

ASLI Annual Meeting held in New Orleans, January 13-14, 2016

By Amy Butros, ASLI Chair 2016

The Atmospheric Science Librarians International (ASLI) held their 19th Annual Meeting on January 13-14, 2016, in New Orleans, LA, in conjunction with the American Meteorological Society's 96th Annual Meeting. The theme for this year's meeting was "**Earth System Science in Service to Society**", and our program was filled with fascinating and informative presentations that covered many areas of interest to librarians, data managers, and researchers. We were also fortunate to have a long list of colleague speakers and invited presentations, plus the ever popular "ASLI

Choice Book Awards", <http://blog.ametsoc.org/news/read-all-about-it-asli-honors-years-best-books/>

Our program, with links to recorded sessions, is available at:

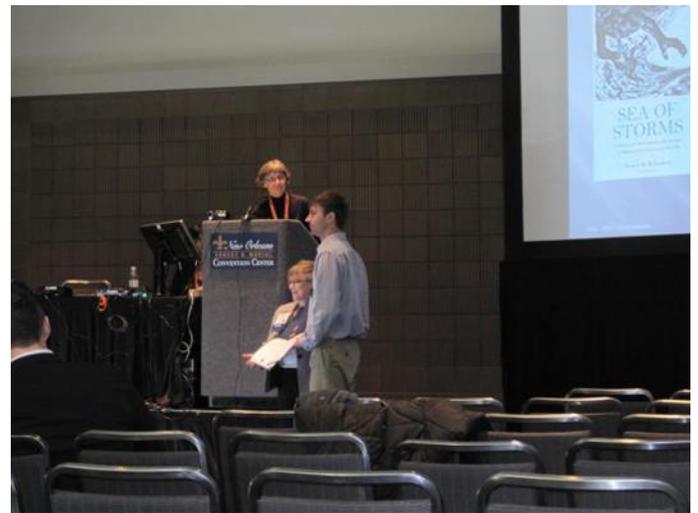
<https://ams.confex.com/ams/96Annual/webprogram/19ASLI.html>

Please do join us for our 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting, in Seattle, WA, on January 25-26, 2017. Our Chair-Elect, and program chair, is Brian Voss, Brian.Voss@noaa.gov.

Contact Brian, or me, for any questions about our anniversary meeting, or to submit a paper. For more information about ASLI, our membership or conferences, please see our webpage at: <http://www.aslionline.org/wp/>



AMS 2016 Student Career Fair with Judie Triplehorn and Amy Butros spreading the word about librarianship and ASLI



Chris Sherratt, ASLI Chair, and Linda Musser, presenting ASLI Choice Award to Princeton University Press for “Sea of Storms”

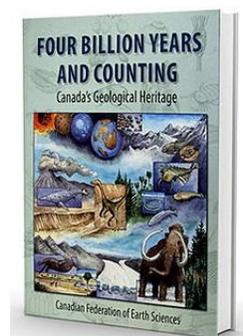
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2015 Winner of the AESE Award for Outstanding Publication

By Marge Rutka, AESE President, 2016

The Association of Earth Science Editors is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2015 AESE Award for Outstanding Publication in the Print Category is *Four Billion Years and Counting: Canada's Geological Heritage*. Co-published by the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences and Nimbus Publishing in 2014, it is a well-written, beautifully illustrated volume unveiling the geological history of Canada. Featuring contributions from more than 100 geoscientists, *Four Billion Years and Counting* takes the reader on a journey through Canada's geologic past, from the building and dismantling of continents, the opening and closing of oceans, to revealing how Canada's rocks, fossils and landscapes have evolved through time. The book also explores the connections between geology and social issues (climate change),

hazards (earthquakes and landslides) and mineral resources. Aimed at a student audience, *Four Billion Years and Counting*, is richly illustrated, with over 500 illustrations and photographs, printed on high-quality paper, and is available in 2 languages, French and English. Plans are on the way for a second printing.



Book website: <http://www.fbycbook.com/>

Marge Rutka, AESE President, 2016
Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee

2016 AESE Awards – Call for Nominations

By Marge Rutka, AESE President, 2016

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 Association of Earth Science Editors Awards.

The **AESE Award for Outstanding Publication** recognizes a recent publication—book, map, journal, or other publication—that demonstrates outstanding editing, design, illustration, writing, effectiveness of production cost, and overall effectiveness in achieving its publication goal. “Recently published” is defined as no more than three years prior to the award year.

The **AESE Award for Outstanding Editorial or Publishing Contributions** recognizes truly outstanding contributions and achievements in editing or publishing that stimulate new or greatly improved accomplishments in teaching, research, and applications in earth science.

The **AESE Lifetime Honor Membership Award** is given in recognition of a career of continuous contributions to earth-science editing or publishing or contributions to AESE through service in office or on committees. The award honors less visible but highly valuable members of the earth-science editing and publishing community whose behind-the-scenes efforts benefit us all.

The competition is open to AESE members and nonmembers alike.

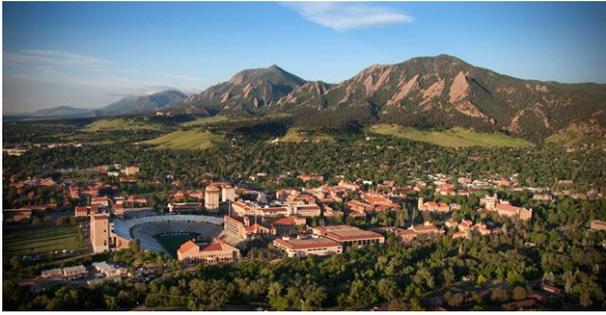
The deadline this year for submitting materials to be considered is **June 1, 2016**. Submission forms and more details about these awards can be found on AESE’s website at www.aese.org or by contacting Linda Deith linda.deith@uwex.edu. Marge Rutka, AESE President, 2016
Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee

50th AESE Annual Meeting: Boulder, Colorado

By Marge Rutka, AESE President, 2016

Mark your calendars! The 2016 annual meeting of the Association of Earth Science Editors, its 50th, will take place in **beautiful Boulder, Colorado**, amid the stunning red-rock geology of the Rocky Mountain foothills. With more than a dozen local earth-science organizations, including the Geological Society of America, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, NOAA’s Earth System Research Lab and UNAVCO, we expect an array of exciting speakers, including scientists, and a large contingent of local attendees. Field trip details are still in the early stage, but one option we’re working on is a fun-filled and educational field trip to explore the geology of the Front Range and the history of the Boulder area, which was founded by gold miners in the mid-1800s. Potential stops could include Boulder’s iconic Flatiron rock formations; Dino Ridge in nearby

Morrison, Colorado, which is the type locale for the famed Morrison Formation (the prolific bone-beds of which featured prominently in the history of early paleontology including the Bone Wars); the Colorado School of Mines mineral museum in Golden, Colorado; tours of local scientific institutions; Marshall Mesa, where coal seam fires have been burning since the 1870s; and possibly even a descent into a gold mine. Join us for the fun in Boulder, **September 28 to October 1, 2016**. Meeting headquarters will be Hotel Boulderado.



sepratt@earthmagazine.org . Watch for updates on AESE's Web page www.aese.org .

Marge Rutka, AESE President, 2016
Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee



50 Years of Excellence in

The meeting is open to anyone interested in earth science editing, publishing and outreach. Please contact: John Keith, Technical Program Chair jkeith@usgs.gov or Sara Pratt, Host Chair

GSIS Proceedings Now Available Online

By Rusty Kimball

All 43 volumes of the GSIS Proceedings are now available online at:
<http://oaktrust.library.tamu.edu/handle/1969.1/152267>.

To browse the collection in date order, simply click on BROWSE BY issue date on the upper left.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dennis Trombatore for arranging for his digitization team to scan and create the files for Volumes 1-7 for GSIS!

Also, thanks to Connie Manson for donating her large print collection for the digitization of volumes 8-34!

New Geoscience Open Access Publications

By Shaun Hardy, Carnegie Institution for Science

TAO: Terrestrial, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences

Website: <http://tao.cgu.org.tw/>



TAO: *Terrestrial, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences*, the peer-reviewed, English-language journal of the Chinese Geoscience Union in Taiwan, has converted to a fully open access journal. The entire backfile back to volume 1 (1990) is also free to access. TAO publishes original research in geology, geophysics, space sciences, hydrology, oceans and atmospheres. It is indexed by GeoRef and Web of Science, and has an impact factor (2013) of 1.061.

Journal of Glaciology/Annals of Glaciology

Websites:

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=JOG>

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=AOG>

Effective January, 2016 both journals of the International Glaciological



Society – *Journal of Glaciology* and *Annals of Glaciology* – switched to a gold OA publishing model through a partnership with Cambridge University Press. Content is hosted on the CJO platform. The change affects only articles published after January 1. Older content remains behind a paywall at Ingenta Connect. *Journal*

of Glaciology publishes articles and letters on all aspects of ice and snow, including their interactions with climate, ocean, and biosphere. *Annals of Glaciology* consists of thematic volumes devoted to special topics, including selected papers from IGS-sponsored symposia. Articles are published under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY 4.0).

ScienceOpen Research

Website:

https://www.scienceopen.com/collection/scienceopen_research

ScienceOpen bills itself as “a freely accessible research network to share and evaluate scientific information.” The site aggregates content (they claim 11.6+ million



articles) from various open access sources and exposes it for comment and discussion. ScienceOpen also publishes articles and posters in its own OA journals, *ScienceOpen Research* and *ScienceOpen Posters*, respectively. The publisher is a privately-owned organization.

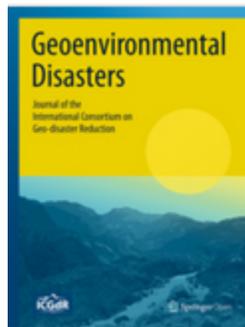
SO Research began publishing in December 2014. Fifty-nine articles have been published to date. The journal is a catch-all of “research articles, review articles and opinion articles, case studies and ‘negative’ results.” Its stated scope spans the sciences, but biology, medicine, and chemistry appear to dominate, along with papers on publishing and scholarly communication. No geoscience papers have yet appeared. *SO Research* is characterized by open, post-publication peer review. Submissions go through an initial editorial screening before appearing online. Authors and editors then

invite reviewers who publicly review the papers. Most papers have 2-4 Amazon-style reviews, though several appear to be still “awaiting peer-review” several months after publication. There is an \$800 article processing charge, which also entitles authors to submit two revisions within 12 months.

Geoenvironmental Disasters

Website: <http://geoenvironmental-disasters.springeropen.com>

A recent addition to the SpringerOpen portfolio, *Geoenvironmental Disasters* focuses on applied and basic research and societal impacts related to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis,



landslides, and other natural hazards. It is the official journal of the International Consortium on Geo-disaster Reduction (ICGdR), an international, non-governmental scientific organization based in Japan. *Geoenvironmental Disasters* aims to serve as a focus for integrative studies bridging traditional disciplinary boundaries of civil engineering, geosciences, atmospheric sciences, life sciences, disaster management and mitigation. In spite of its ambitious aims and a vast editorial board (more than 125 members!) only 36 articles have appeared since the journal’s October 2014 launch. Asian studies predominate. The article processing charge is \$980, but waivers/discounts are provided to authors from low-income countries

GSIS Publications List

Proceedings of the Annual GSIS Meetings (ISSN 0072-1409)

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v.41	2010	"Peak" Performances
v.40	2009	Navigating the Geoscience Information Landscape: Pathways to Success
v.39	2008	Libraries in Transformation: Exploring Topics of Changing Practices and New Technologies
v.38	2007	Geoscience Information: Making the Earth Sciences Accessible for Everyone.
v.37	2006	Geoscience Information: Keys to Discovery
v.36	2005	Collaboration for the Dissemination of Geologic Information among Colleagues
v.35	2004	Geoinformatics
v.34	2003	Geoscience Information Horizons: Challenges, Choices, and Decisions
v.33	2002	New Heights in Geoscience Information: Access and Technology
v.32	2001	Geoscience Information: a Dynamic Odyssey
v.31	2000	Electronic Information Summit: New Developments and Their Impacts
v.30	1999	Communication Divides: Perspectives on Supporting Information Bridges in the Geosciences
v.29	1998	Accreting the Continent's Collections
v.28	1997	The Costs and Values of Geoscience Information
v.27	1996	Expanding Boundaries: Geoscience Information for Earth System Science
v.26	1995	Crossing the Bridge to the Future: Managing Geoscience Information for the Next Decade

Proceedings volumes 1 through 25 are out of print and available from:
Out-of-print Books on Demand,
University Microfilms, Inc.,
300 North Zeeb Road,
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

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Conferences

- 6th, 1998 *Science Editing and Information Management, Proceedings of the Second International AESEI CBEI EASE Joint Meeting*, Sixth International Conference on Geoscience Information, and Thirty-second Annual Meeting, Association of Earth Science Editors, ed. by C. J. Manson. (ISBN 0-934485-30-5) \$ 25.00
- 5th, 1994 *Geoinfo V, Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Geoscience Information*, ed. by Jiri Hruska. (ISBN 0-934485-27-5) \$45.00 (2 vols.)

Directory of Geoscience Libraries, North America.

5th Edition, 1997. (ISBN 0-934485-25-9) Paper. \$ 35.00

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